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Mural. Before and after

▶ The TD Garden is shown before and after in a rending of a local artist's proposal to turn it "inside-out."

A local artist is soliciting ideas from other area photographers, designers and creative-types as he tries to turn Boston's massive concrete and brick structures into works of art. Nate Swain has already put up some work in the North End and would like to spruce up more of the city with massive murals. He's also working with a group of children in Roxbury. {page 04}

Report warns T cuts may derail Hub's economy

Transit advocates fear commuters will turn to cars, meaning more gridlock, higher parking rates, fewer tourists Suggest 'rainy day' fund use instead {page 02}

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Breitbart's last stand: Obama a communist

Recently deceased media firebrand has one last thing to say Tries to tie president to '90s leftist radicals {page 06}

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Bigger issues than cuts

Group calls for state officials to use 'rainy day' funds to help the T ◗ Cuts would have adverse effects on Bay State economy ◗ Recently released report explores cultural impact

▶ Some of Boston's cultural spots, like the Museum of Fine Arts, will be dealt a blow if they have fewer public transit options in the future, according to a new report.

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If the MBTA doesn't get help dealing with its deficit, it could lead to skyrocketing parking lot prices, gridlocked streets and cause a strain on the city's economy.

According to a new report released yesterday by A Better City, a nonprofit transportation advocacy group, Boston's sports venues and museums would take a hit and hospital workers wouldn't be able to get to work if cuts to select weekend train services are implemented.

"There is a wide range of populations that will be adversely impacted, jobs that won't be accessed and economic interests ... that will be underserved," said Richard Dimino, president of ABC. The nonprofit's board includes Bank of America, Harvard University, MIT, Fidelity and John Hancock.

"We should be looking to enhance transit relative to our economy and looking to connect people to where jobs are now."
RICK DIMINO, PRESIDENT OF A BETTER CITY

Dimino emphasized the "serious concern for critical services" that shuttle medical employees and patients to area hospitals.

"These types of steps are inconsistent with supporting existing jobs and future growth," said Dimino.

Those attending Bruins, Red Sox and Celtics games would also be left scrambling for parking, he said.

The report suggests that if the T were to go forward with either of its two proposals, which include slashing weekend commuter trains and the Green Line's E train, it would increase the parking demand, driving tourists away.

"It's the worst thing you want to be doing coming out of a recession and while the T is facing record-high ridership," said Dimino.

Bud Ris, president of the New England Aquarium, agreed and said the single-biggest challenge for Hub visitors is the high cost of parking.

"If MBTA service is curtailed, the demand for parking in the city will only increase, driving up parking rates," said Ris.

Dimino and members of ABC presented a list of potential solutions to close the budget gap without eliminating services to T officials yesterday during a news conference.

The group called for smaller fare increases, prudent service cuts and continuing state transportation reform.

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The numbers

The report offers a look at the impact of the T cuts by the numbers:

1/10 If one-tenth of riders abandon the system for cars, the additional congestion will cost the Bay State economy $66 million a year.

44% Percentage of professionals in the Longwood medical area that use the T.

$50M The group calls for the Patrick administration to use $50 million from its "rainy day" funds to help close the T's budget gap.

2x The population of Boston doubles daily as people flock to work and attractions.

25% Recommended fare increase proposed by ABC in its report.

630K Number of extra car vehicle miles traveled daily if one of the T's proposals passes.

Quoted

"Because of an ideological rigidity and stupidity in Washington, we're having an impossible time ... to create jobs, and put people to work, and be strong"

SEN. JOHN KERRY, SPEAKING ABOUT A POLARIZED WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING A NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL BREAKFAST IN BOSTON YESTERDAY.

Today's local tweet

"If I had a penny for every time someone did something stupid/dangerous/disgusting on the #MBTA ... well ... I'd be able to pay the T's debts"

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Victims claim sex abuse by former Sox worker

BOSTON. More alleged victims have surfaced claiming a now-deceased Red Sox clubhouse manager sexually abused them when they were batboys.

According to the Globe, eight men, including two former Baltimore Orioles batboys, have come forward claiming Donald Fitzpatrick abused them.

Because the statute of limitations has run out, the alleged victims are seeking a $5 million settlement. **METRO/GLOBE**

20 The total number of men who have accused Fitzpatrick of molesting them between the 1960s and 1990s, according to the Globe.

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▶ Fenway Park

Alleged teen crooks use kayaks in caper

QUINCY. Two Quincy teens were charged with attempting to steal items from boats after they rowed to the crime scene in kayaks.

Police said Brendan Reardon, 18, and a 16-year-old rowed to the Bay Pointe Marina early Sunday morning, according to the Patriot Ledger.

They were spotted by a security guard who called police.

3 Police charged the teens with three crimes: trespassing, possession of burglarious tools and attempting to commit a crime.

Police said they found screwdrivers and boat accessories on the duo, as well as bolt cutters. **METRO**

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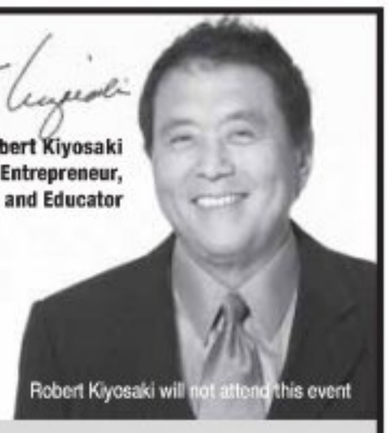

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Turning the Hub into an outdoor art museum

COURTESY NATE SWAIN

Artist wants to plaster murals on brick walls Calls on local painters, photographers to share inspiration

Artist Nate Swain thinks there are too many blank, boring walls around Boston — and he wants to spruce them up with the help of area artists by plastering them with massive murals.

With a background in landscape architecture, Swain said he'd like to turn the city into an outdoor museum.

"You could have surprises around every corner," said Swain. "Like a visual theme park."

Swain wants to paint murals on mountable, vinyl material that could be swapped out at anytime and replaced with newer artwork from a range of local photographers or painters.

One space Swain would like to see get revamped are the TD Garden, which Swain said he would turn "inside-out" with a mural of a cheering crowd.

Another spot is the NStar substation on High Street, which Swain wants to retrofit with a view of the Arnold Arboretum.

"You could escape all the brick and mortar in the city and have these vistas that kind of take you away for a bit," he said.

Swain has already installed artwork on vacant walls in the North End and has been working on a 30-by-70 vinyl mural with students from Roxbury that will cover offensive graffiti.

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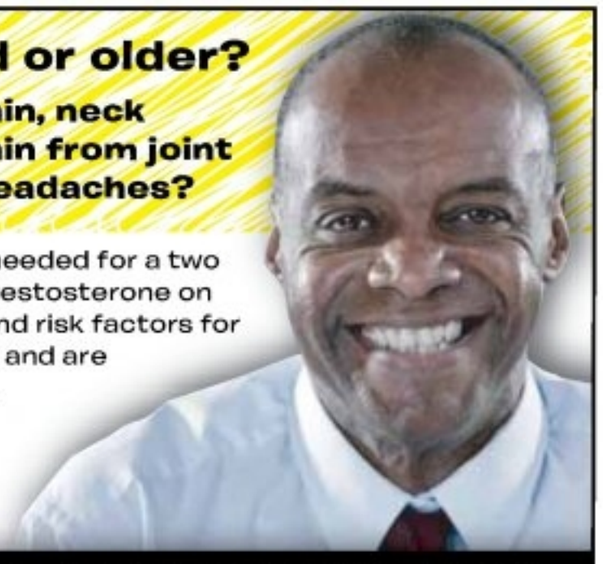

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Who is Saul Alinsky, and who cares?

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Happy Super Tuesday, commuters! While voters in 10 states participate in pushing the eventual Republican presidential candidate to increasingly disastrous rightward extremes, we're going to take this day to discuss a haunting legacy of another sort entirely.

We speak of late conservative media prankster Andrew Breitbart, who shook the political landscape with his "Big" Web exposes (bringing down, among other résumé highlights, Rep. Anthony Weiner in the infamously eponymous Twitter scandal) and then shocked the world with his sudden death last week. Breitbart had been planning more Big things before he died, and the website he founded, Breitbart.com, relaunched late Sunday with a new design, is proudly carrying his torch.

So it is that Breitbart's editors have printed his final column, "The Vetting, Part I: Barack's Love Song to Alinsky," which they describe as "a story that should swing the first hammer against the glass wall the mainstream media has built around Barack Obama." The site explains: "Andrew wanted to do what the mainstream media would not. First and foremost: Andrew pledged to vet President Barack H. Obama." Well, it's about time!

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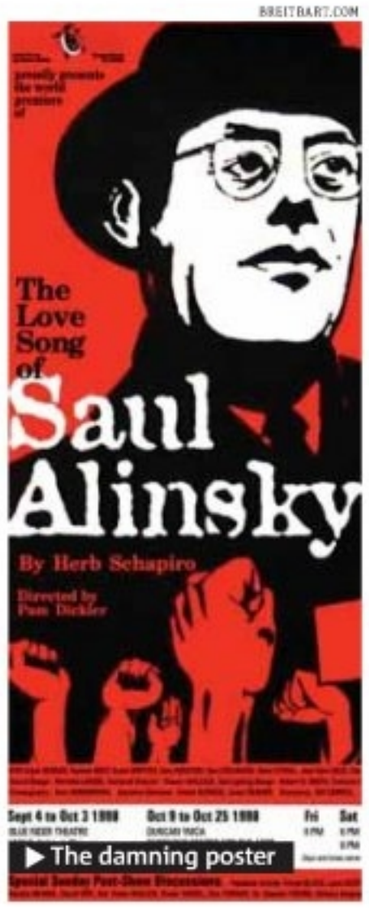

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Breitbart's swan song focuses on Obama's alleged connections with communist activists in '90s-era Chicago; specifically his association with a play, "The Love Song of Saul Alinsky," after one 1998 performance of which the then-senator participated in a panel discussion. The stated aim here is to shine some light on Obama's "true political will," which he claims "the American public remains largely ignorant of." As such, he provides a detailed — and ostensibly terrifying — list of the other speakers on the panel that night, a group of communist individuals. In this way, he hopes to tarnish the Obama legacy as one of unabashed psychotic leftism.

Were that it was! But if Obama's a communist, he must be pulling a long con. If anything, he's proven himself to be frustratingly moderate, taking for instance a very conservative path toward health care reform — righties supported similar proposals before the president embraced them as a means of reaching concensus — and angering lefties in the process. Was it all an elaborate ruse for reelection? If so, why not just enact his communist policies in term one? What long-term goal could disguising himself as a severely centrist executive possibly serve Obama's supposed Marxist overlords?

Of course there is none, and no reasonable evidence to suggest that the president is some sort of secret radical. (Again, we wish.)

Then there's this: Mitt Romney's father, a former Republican governor, apparently liked Alinsky enough to work with him politically. How long until Breitbart's media empire tackles the secret motivations of Big Romney?

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Elijah Wood is in the mood for Girl Scout cookies, Kristin Chenoweth is getting better all the time, John Lithgow overdid it at the movies, and Joan Rivers wasn't impressed with Lindsay Lohan's performance.

@woodelijah
Samoas! those are my jam

@KChenoweth
I'm in bed resting. Healing. And watching Tom Cruise in The Last Samarai. For fifth time.

@John_Lithgow
Did a 3D double feature, HUGO and PINA. My head's spinning.

@Joan_Rivers
Lindsay Lohan was so bad on SNL that the judge is sending her back to rehab, but for acting lessons.

Wood

▶ This is one phone hacking scandal Rupert Murdoch isn't behind (we think).

ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

See Christina Hendricks' Joan Holloways

Another day, another phone hacking scandal involving half-dressed celebrities.

This time, **Christina Hendricks** and **Olivia Munn** are victims after an anonymous user on Motherless.com asked the site's forum readers which celebrity they would like to see naked. When they answered Munn and Hendricks, the user apparently, through hacking magic, got onto Munn's and Hendricks' phones, grabbed some scandalous photos, and posted them. And now they are all over the Internet.

Munn's leaked pictures have extremely dirty writing superimposed over hard-core photos of the actress. Hendricks' pics are mostly of the "Mad Men" star in half-dress, while one is a full-on shot of her world-famous golden globes.

A rep for Hendricks confirms the theft, telling Gossip Cop, "Christina's phone was in fact hacked and photos were stolen," noting, "The proper authorities have been contacted in hopes of rectifying this situation. The topless image is fake and not an image of Christina."

Munn is denying everything — she tweeted that the photos aren't hers. (As she should; if real, her pictures are some Hustler-level stuff.)

I know. Your first thought is: Why would celebrities take naked photos of themselves when they know they are most likely to be hacked and put up on the Internet? (See: **Miley Cyrus**, **Vanessa Hudgens**, **Blake Lively**, and **Scarlett Johansson**.) But, honestly, if you were that hot with enough of an ego to be an actor, you'd probably take naked photos of yourself, too. Just maybe delete them after you're done doing whatever it is you do with them?

Talking points

Bieber's birthday details

Justin Bieber celebrated his 18th birthday with a star-studded surprise bash thrown by his manager and his mom at the Beverly Wilshire hotel in L.A., according to Us Weekly. "Everyone danced all night," a source says of the soiree. Despite notable guests like **Mike Tyson** and **Kim Kardashian**, the birthday boy only had eyes for girlfriend **Selena Gomez**, who flew in from Florida, where she's filming a movie. "He was all over Selena the whole time, walking her around by the hand," a source says. "He kept kissing her." As for presents, his manager, Scooter Braun, bought Bieber a $102,000 one-of-a-kind Fisker Karma hybrid sports car.

Kutcher knows where Moore is hiding

There's at least one person who knows the location of **Demi Moore**'s secret post-rehab vacation: her estranged husband, **Ashton Kutcher**. The "Two and a Half Men" star paid a visit to the recovering actress recently, according to People magazine — not that he was exactly enthused about it. "They are not getting back together. He knew it was important to her daughters," a source says of the visit. As for where it took place, sources tell E! News that they spotted Moore on a private beach near Parrot Cay in Turks and Caicos, at an ultra-exclusive resort only accessible by boat.

Blanchett

Blanchett: No plastic surgery

Cate Blanchett is no fan of plastic surgery, so don't expect her to go under the knife anytime soon. "I'm not sitting on a soapbox telling women what they should and shouldn't do," she tells Fashion ETC. "I just know what works for me. I'd be too frightened about what it means long-term. Looking at women in their 20s doing this stuff, in the end all you see is the work. It doesn't fill me with admiration; it fills me with pity."

▶ It's confirmed: The Lacheys are expecting.

Oh, baby!

Big news on the baby front yesterday: While co-hosting "Live! With Kelly" **Nick Lachey** announced that his wife, **Vanessa Lachey**, is expecting their first baby in late summer or early fall. Meanwhile, **Snooki** is still pregnant — and apparently engaged. The "Jersey Shore" star has yet to confirm either report, but insiders tell both E! News and People magazine that her boyfriend, **Jionni LaValle**, popped the question. And there you have it: Snooki is finally being made an honest woman. Let's see how long that lasts, shall we?

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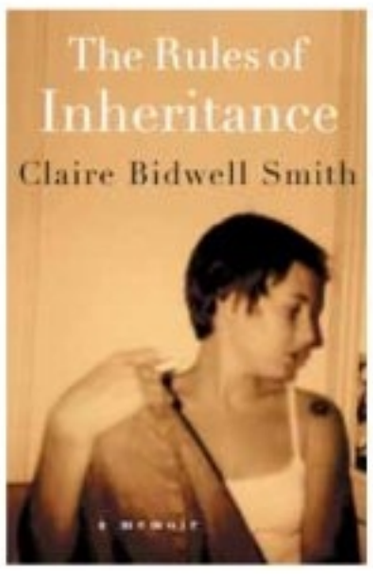

The beauty of saying goodbye

Claire Bidwell Smith chronicles her youth in the realm of her parents' death in a searing new memoir ◗ A unique take on dealing with grief

Claire Bidwell Smith is more than the author behind the incredible new memoir, "The Rules of Inheritance," which chronicles a youth spent coping with the loss of both of her parents to cancer by the time she was 25. She is also a therapist specializing in grief in Los Angeles. She talked to Metro about how one profession informed the other.

Do you find that writing helps with the grief process?
I think writing is an incredibly useful tool for moving through grief. It's something I always encourage the people I counsel to do, whether it's in the form of writing remembrances of a loved one or writing actual letters to the person they've lost. The act of writing is like opening a door in your head to all the things that you can sometimes be afraid to say or think.

Quoted

"I thought that by sharing my own journey of grief, I could impart some amount of solace and understanding to others who were going through something similar."
CLAIRE BIDWELL SMITH

But the thing about grief is that it just doesn't go away until you really sit with it, until you really let yourself experience it. Therefore, taking time to write about all the things you might be hesitant to let yourself feel is a great way to move through the emotions.

Why did you pick the title "The Rules of Inheritance"?
"The Rules of Inheritance" refers to a few things. The rules part refers to the five stages of grief I reference in the book, and to the way that no matter what, there are certain motions a person has to go through in order to move through grief. As for inheritance, I felt that I inherited so much from my parents. In some ways I simply inherited a lot of grief and sadness over their loss, but in other ways I inherited this wonderful legacy of the kind of people they were.

Did your training as a grief therapist help or hinder your creative process?
I think my training as a therapist absolutely helped with this book. On one hand, it helped me to understand myself and the process of grief on a much deeper level, one that really enabled me to write this book. On the other hand, I think that therapy and writing have a bit in common. As a therapist, I work to help people to understand the narrative of their lives, and often I help them to reshape it. In that regard, being a therapist was a really unique way to better understand all the ways that we tell our stories.

BOB FUROY

▶ You can learn more about Bidwell Smith, her writing and her work as a grief counselor at www.clairebidwellsmith.com.

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TV watch list

CBS/ CRAIG BLANKENHORN

▶ Yup, that's Katy Perry!

'Raising Hope'

COMEDY. Sabrina (Shannon Woodward) is sentenced to two weeks in the slammer after participating in an Occupy Natesville rally. Luckily for Woodward, the actress' real-life pal, Katy Perry, guest stars as one of the prison attendants. Unluckily for Sabrina, Perry's character makes her stay hell. **8 p.m., Fox**

'Cougar Town'

COMEDY. Star/executive producer Courteney Cox goes behind the camera to direct this episode, which finds the cul-de-sac forming a "Braveheart"-esque uprising against a gang of bike-riding teens. **8:30 p.m., ABC**

'Breaking In'

COMEDY. Salvaged from the cancellation heap, this workplace comedy hires a new boss — the always-funny Megan Mullally — to whip the Contra Security crew (and the sitcom itself) into shape. **Season premiere, 9:30 p.m., Fox** ● AMBER RAY

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Parenting notes

Should children see 'Bully'?

A new film called "Bully," which tracks five families affected by taunting at school, will hit theaters at the end of the month with an R rating. Children and adults are speaking out in protest, claiming that the very subjects of the movie — kids — should be allowed to see it, despite its harsh language. Want to get involved? Visit www.change.org to sign a petition calling for a PG-13 rating. As of press time, the petition had over 200,000 signatures.

Kids on the move

Partners Step It Up, a health initiative for school children, is expanding to six Boston public schools: Edward Everett Elementary, John F. Kennedy Elementary, Joseph P. Manning Elementary, Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary, William E. Russell Elementary and the Mario Umana Academy. The program — which has won support from U.S. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino — has kids use pedometers to track their steps in an effort to teach them the importance of daily activity. To further inspire them, a 10-week virtual foot race from Boston to Orlando will kick off in schools next month.

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Schools are recognizing that kids need to keep active during the day.

Dos and don'ts for treating your child's fever

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▶ If your child has a fever and is less than 2 months old, head to the hospital.

According to Charles I. Shubin, M.D., we have a condition in the U.S. that he calls a "fever phobia." "We are scared of fevers," says the Medical Director of Children's Health Center, Mercy Family Care (a subsidiary of Family Health Centers of Baltimore). "We're worried that if we don't treat a child's fever, something bad will happen." But as Dr. Shubin carefully points out, treating a fever doesn't mean dosing a child with medicine. The best approach is to figure out what is going on with the child in the first place. From there, most of the time, it's best to just let it run its course. Here's how:

▶ **Understand what a fever is.** "A fever is not a disease; it's your body's best mechanism to respond and defend itself to infection," says Dr. Shubin. "You can't 'cure' a fever, but you can try to cure what is happening to them."

▶ **Look at the child.** "We had three kids in the office today with fevers who were running around like nothing was wrong," recounts Dr. Shubin. "So why would we interfere with the body's natural response system?" Dr. Shubin says that the underlying principle for most doctors it to treat the child. If the child is miserable, treat him with an over-the-counter fever reducer. "Just know that if you do, it might make the child sick for longer."

▶ **Keep your child hydrated.** "Although most fevers are harmless, your child can become dehydrated. Keeping them hydrated will make them feel better."

▶ **If your child is less than 2 months of age, take him or her to a hospital.** A fever in a child this age is very concerning. "These children need to be seen right away as they might not be old enough to fight off infection," he says. Another concern that warrants a trip to the hospital is if the child is becoming unresponsive.

▶ **Still worried?** Call your pediatrician. "Doctors and their staffs have protocols to dispense advice over the phone. We can usually tell what is going on for peace of mind."

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Who's dividing America, again?

RE: "THREE WAYS OBAMA IS DIVIDING AMERICA": It's a pity that improving education didn't make the top five in Mr. Bovinski's list of three things he would do as president. **MARIA ELENA MCWILLIAMS, VIA E-MAIL**

The title of your letter is as ill-conceived as the points it contains. Let me explain why. 1: All elected officials can always listen more and dictate less, so you might as well say "be nicer" or "agree with me more frequently." 2: Secure borders are a pipe dream. Just the Mexican and Canadian borders are nearly 10,000 miles of territory and there are tens of thousands of miles of ocean where no wall would help. 3: The president doesn't cut spending, Congress does. Nor does the president print money. It's complicated; ask an adult. 4: Congress's job, again. 5: Congress. Again. Everyone is entitled to an opinion, but you might consider a refresher on high school social studies before you get on your high horse. **JEREMY CONRAD, VIA E-MAIL**

John Bovinski says this administration is dividing America. Really? I didn't know President Obama was restricting women's rights and attacking the middle class while endorsing continued tax cuts for the top 1 percent. Ending the war in Iraq and bringing our troops home? Quite divisive. Promoting renewable energy sources instead of being slaves to countries of the Middle East? How un-American. **ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL**

Israel asks much, takes even more

RE: "ISRAEL SO SMALL, ITS ENEMIES SO LARGE": Actually, Israel asks the U.S. for much more than verbal support. The U.S. gives Israel over $3 billion in aid per year and what do we get in return? American support of Israel has resulted in hatred toward the U.S. throughout the Middle East and made our citizens less safe. **CARL HANSON, VIA E-MAIL**

Thanks, Joan Bachman, for articulating your support for Israel, home to fewer than 6 million Jews (familiar number?), a tiny strip of land neighbored by mortal enemy states exceeding it 100-fold in combined size and population. Not a single other country's staggering human rights violation record has ever been singled out so blatantly as Israel's. **GAROLD MINKIN, VIA E-MAIL**

Let's also not forget that Iran, because it signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, is allowed to refine uranium for energy. Israel has never signed the NPT, and instead of participating in a global discussion about disarmament assassinates scientists instead. And now they're talking about war. If Israel wants to "sit back and protect itself," they can stop the murder. Israel isn't the only country with the right to protect itself. **RYAN ROCHE, VIA E-MAIL**

Please be careful to avoid sexist diction

RE: "LIMBAUGH SORRY FOR CALLING GIRL A SLUT": Your Rush Limbaugh headline was misworded. The "girl" you referred to is Sandra Fluke, who is actually a 30-year-old law student. She is not a "girl." Please try harder to avoid this demeaning and sexist usage in the future. **MARK JASON DOMINUS, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you find yourself contending with more opposition from others than usual, it's time to examine your recent behavior. Correct any defects that you find, and things will straighten out.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Take on a bad attitude and you'll make your duties and assignments more complex and burdensome than they really are. Try to see your work as something fun and challenging.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Unless you avoid groups or cliques that have persons whom you truly dislike among their ranks, you can look for it to be another problematical day.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Hold your tongue so that you don't accidentally say anything abrasive about someone who is extremely important to your plans. She or he will hear about it and won't be likely to laugh it off.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Even when talking to someone for whom you have little respect, keep an open mind about matters that concern you. You could learn something quite valuable.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Being jealous or envious of others is always a self-defeating attitude. If you let it get the best of you, you could say something that you might deeply regret.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** In order to have your way, you must first allow others to have theirs. If you fail to let them express themselves, they will block your means to do so.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't be surprised if, when trying to pawn your duties onto others, you are met with tremendous rejection, especially if you haven't helped others when they needed it in the past.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Regardless of how good you think your ideas are, if they differ either vastly or even just a little from those of your friends, it's best to let the majority rule. Sometimes a group-made decision can be the best one.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If your hull isn't as strong as you think it is, don't rock the boat. It might prove to very easy to alienate many of those whose support you need.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It could be another wasted day if you don't chart your course beforehand. There's a likelihood that you'll find yourself running around in circles due to poor or totally absent planning.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Be wary of your analysis of matters relating to money or material assets. If your judgment is impaired because of a lack of knowledge, you're likely to make more than a few gaffes.

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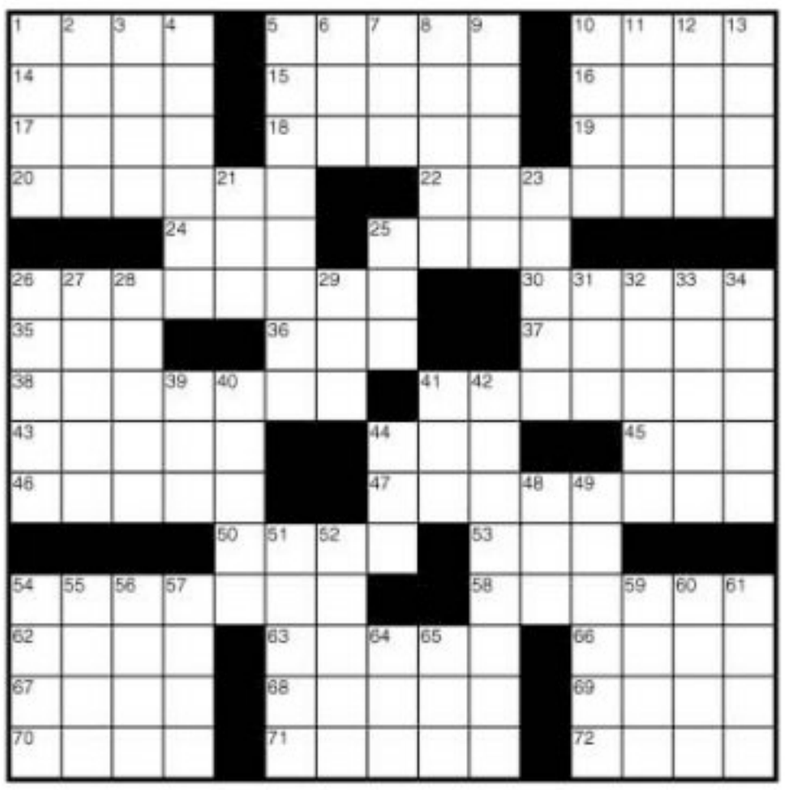

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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KEVIN ST. JOHN

FOLLOW THE POWDER

▶ The view from 12,000 feet at Ski Santa Fe.

It's been a lackluster ski season on the East Coast this winter But there's still one place to head to hit the slopes How some of the best snow of the year fell in the deserts of Santa Fe

After a lackluster winter, Northeast skiers and snowboarders may not be surprised to hear that some of the best snow of the season fell in the deserts of New Mexico. "This year we've been particularly blessed," says Kevin St. John, a private instructor who has been skiing in New Mexico for over 40 years. "We've gotten these wonderful little storms, one after another."

Ski Santa Fe, a ski area 16 miles northeast of the city, has received more than 132 inches of snow this winter. Angel Fire Resort reported 126 inches, and the season isn't even over yet. "We'll be skiing through the first week of April," says St. John.

Northern New Mexico's excellent ski conditions may be an unintentionally well-kept secret. Even though the state is home to the venerable Taos Ski Valley, a recent focus group held by the state tourism department revealed that many Americans were unaware that it even snowed in New Mexico. And it's not just any snow: The region's combination of high altitude and dry, desert air creates ideal conditions for the light, fluffy and eminently skiable snow known as "champagne powder."

"Western snow is dryer and lighter, and so much easier to ski."
KEVIN ST. JOHN

St. John describes New Mexico's snow as "user-friendly." The snow back east, he says, is wetter, more dense and turns into ice very quickly. "Western snow is dryer and lighter, and so much easier to ski."

New Mexico's snowstorms don't linger. After depositing fresh snow on the trails, the clouds clear quickly, giving way to the warm sun that the state is known for, even in the winter. "There's lots of sunshine to ski in, along with the powder," says St. John. "That combination is just extraordinary."

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Let's go and trade Rondo ... wait, what?

- Celtics fans quickly reconsidering on keeping triple-double machine
- A look at a few ways the Green could rebuild around the point guard

It's a little funny to hear Celtics fans and "NBA experts" say that the Celtics need to trade Rajon Rondo as soon as possible.

Why's it funny? Two reasons:

One, you can get a better deal for him in the offseason, if in fact the Celtics are in fact hell-bent on trading him.

Two, the talk of "not being able to build around" him is garbage — why can't you build with a top five point guard with a reasonable contract?

Is Rondo a saint? No. But I challenge you to find any NBA star in this league that isn't a prima donna or has a little attitude (Jeremy Lin excluded).

Would Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, and Ray Allen jeopardize the ends of their careers dealing with a "stubborn" Rondo if the lemon wasn't worth the squeeze? Would Doc Rivers have rejoined the Celtics this season after his contract was up if he was sick of Rondo? The answers are no.

Rondo is going to be a Celtic. The only way he won't be is if the Celtics get knocked off their feet with an offer. But with every game Rondo shows up for, that scenario becomes less and less likely.

Yes, he needs to be more consistent — perhaps the biggest knock on his game — but putting the right players around him can make that happen.

Green assets

- **2012 draft** The Celtics have a pair of first round draft picks in a deep field this summer.
- **Short money** If they stay pat, Boston could bring back Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett on short, cheap deals next year.
- **Jeff Green** is expected to be back in the mix next year with something to prove.

Forget about Dwight Howard and Deron Williams. It just isn't likely.

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There is hope, and Rondo should be a big part of that hope.

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▶ Rajon Rondo is back in the good graces of Celtics fans.

▶ Tuukka Rask

With Tuukka out, Bruins sign Turco

Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask will miss four to six weeks of action after being diagnosed with a lower abdomen/groin strain Monday.

Rask went down with the injury in the second period of last Saturday's loss to the Islanders.

In response, the Bruins signed veteran goaltender Marty Turco last night. Turco played nine seasons with Dallas before playing in Chicago in 2011. **MATT BURKE**

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▶ The Patriots put the franchise tag on Wes Welker yesterday.

What it means for Welker, Pats with franchise tag

◗ Two sides could be in for long, Mankins-like battle unless a tender is signed ◗ King talks Mario Williams

Wes Welker now has a major decision to make.

Will the Patriots wide receiver skip offseason workouts and possibly hold out of camp after being franchised by the organization Monday or does he sign a $9.4 million tender and guarantee himself that salary for this upcoming season?

The tag move by the Patriots means that it is more than likely that Welker will be in a New England uniform in 2012.

The 30-year-old receiver led the league in catches in 2011 with 122 but took plenty of heat following Super Bowl XLVI against the Giants after he dropped a difficult pass from Tom Brady late in the fourth quarter.

In other Patriots news, Sports Illustrated's Peter King appeared on WEEI's Mut and Merloni show and mentioned the possibility of Houston Texans defensive end Mario Williams coming to New England.

"Unless Mario Williams takes a fraction of what everyone thinks he's going to get — that means that Mario Williams is going to be out on the market for somebody," King said. "And I wrote this morning, in my opinion I think the Patriots ought to be at the absolute very least kicking the financial tires on Mario Williams, because he can play so many different places on a defense. I just think he'd fit in very well with the Patriots."

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